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Air cadets on a high after trophy triumph

Members of the 1439 (Skelmersdale) Squadron RAF Air Cadets with their trophy

MEMBERS of a Skelmersdale air cadet unit are on cloud nine after winning the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Trophy for being the Best Squadron in the Merseyside area.

In the last 12 months alone members of 1439 (Skelmersdale) Squadron RAF Air Cadets have won a total of 22 Duke of Edinburgh awards - 18 bronzes, three silver and one gold.

And next year they aim to convert those bronzes into silvers and silvers into gold.

The Duke of Edinburgh Merseyside Trophy takes in an area covering Southport, Chester, the Wirral and St Helens and includes some 30 squadrons.

Greg Ralph, who has been formally recognised as the squadron's Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme officer, has worked tirelessly this year and is really proud of all the Skelmersdale cadets.

He said: "The Duke of Edinburgh mission is simple - to inspire, guide and support young people in their self-development, and recognise their achievements."

The 1439 (Skelmersdale) Squadron RAF Air Cadets parade every Monday and Friday evenings at Daniels Lane, Skelmersdale. Anyone, aged 12 or over interested in joining can email 1439@aircadets.org, or call the commanding officer Jo Henderson on 07810891655 for more information.

PREGNANT DRUG DEALER SPARED JAIL

Judge hands out suspended sentence after mum goes into labour in dock!

Report by **Lynda Roughley**

A DRUG-dealing pregnant mum from Skelmersdale has been spared jail after a judge heard she was actually in labour in the dock!

Jennifer Robins' third child is not due until next month but Liverpool Crown Court was told that she has been in slow labour for a few days and the premature birth could be any day.

The 31-year-old had been found with four bags of bush cannabis, with a street value of £1,200, after she was stopped driving her Renault Megan on March 31 this year.

When police stopped her car they smelt cannabis and she admitted there was cannabis in a carrier bag in the rear footwell, said Helen Richardson, prosecuting.

She was arrested and when her then-home in Meaneygate Farm, Scarisbrick, was searched they found a small cannabis cultivation involving four plants. The total value of the drugs she was involved with was £5,000.

When interviewed Robins explained she was a mum-of-two who was struggling financially. "An opportunity came up and she foolishly accepted it," she said.

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Kyra Badman, defending, said that Robins has no previous convictions and her baby is due in October and that "she has been in slow labour and may give birth in the next day or so.

"The baby is very small, no doubt caused by the stress of the proceedings," she said.

Miss Badman explained that Robins had become involved "to keep her head above water and not to fund an extravagant lifestyle."

The property that Robins had been living in demanded payment up front for fuel and as she did not have the money her children were cold, so, desperate for money, she took the opportunity offered to her.

Robins, of Inglewhite, Skelmersdale, pleaded guilty to possessing cannabis with intent to supply and cultivating the drug.

The judge, Recorder Christopher Alldis sentenced her to 12 months imprisonment suspended for two years and ordered her to carry out 20 days rehabilitation activity.

He explained he was suspending the sentence because she has no previous convictions, has parental responsibilities and had been motivated to pay her fuel bill.

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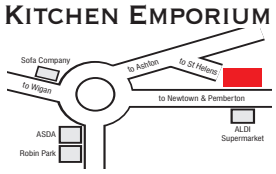

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Junior doctors call off strike action planned for next week

Report by **Henry James**

Junior doctors on strike at Southport Hospital last January

JUNIOR doctors have called off their industrial action which would have taken place for five days between 8am and 5pm from Monday, September 12 to Friday, September 16.

There were fears hundreds of operations would have to be cancelled at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital sites, but the British Medical Association called the strike off after fears about the safety of patients.

However, the BMA say the planned five-day strikes starting on October 5, November 14 and December 5 are still planned to go ahead.

Dr Ellen McCourt, chair of the BMA's junior doctors committee, said: "Over the past few days we have been described as radical, we have been described as militant, we have been described as prioritising ourselves over our patient's safety.

"This is not true.

"Patient safety remains doctors' primary concern. For the first time in this dispute NHS England have told us that a service under such pressure cannot cope with the notice period for industrial action given.

"Our hospitals are chronically understaffed. Our NHS is desperately underfunded. We have to listen to our colleagues when they tell us that they need more time to keep patients safe.

"We have also listened to the concerns of working doctors, patient groups and the public.

"The BMA is therefore suspending the industrial action planned for the week of September 12. The remaining programme of industrial action stays in place.

"Future action is, however, still avoidable. The BMA has repeatedly said that it will call off further action if the Secretary of State stops his imposition of the contract, listen to the concerns of junior doctors, and works with us to negotiate a contract, based upon fresh agreed principles, that has the confidence of junior doctors."

The strikes have been called by junior doctors who are against a new contract which is being imposed by the government.

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Amelia after the hair cut with Danielle Evans

Schoolgirl's sponsored crop raises four-figure sum for charity

WHEN schoolgirl Amelia Pierce-Curry decided to have her flowing tresses cropped to raise money for a worthy cause she hoped to raise £300.

But instead her efforts have raised an incredible £1,825 for the Ronald McDonald House charity, which provided accommodation for a family friend during their baby's stay in hospital.

The nine-year-old had been affected by the story of baby Amber Lloyd who was born with complications and was transferred to Arrowe Park Hospital on the Wirral.

Amber's mum, Danielle Evans and her partner Marc, were able to stay in the Ronald McDonald house to be near to their baby.

Amelia's mum Jennifer wrote on the JustGiving website: "Danielle and Marc were offered a room in the amazing Ronald McDonald house so they can be near to Amber 24 hours a day.

"It costs £25 a night for a family to stay. Amelia would like to raise at least £175 which would allow a family to stay a week which is a critical time for their babies.

"Those who know Amelia know how she prides herself on looking nice and she has a good fashion sense. This is such a selfless act for others and two great causes."

Amelia, who goes to St James School in Ashurst, had her hair cut free of charge at Melanie Victoria Salon in Up Holland. She had 12 inches cut off.

Jennifer added: "Amelia has decided that she would like to donate her beautiful long thick hair to the Little Prince Trust for children who have had cancer and need a wig."

MP pledges support for village play area campaign

CHILDREN and parents from Crawford village have met with West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper to discuss their plans and fundraising efforts for a new play park in the village.

Ms Cooper met with members of the Crawford Playpark Committee and local children and was given a short presentation by the youngsters outlining the committee's plans.

Residents already have the land required for the play park, now they are in the process of trying to raise the funds necessary to purchase the equipment and complete the groundworks, plus for the future maintenance of the site.

Due to the village's location on the borders of the borough, there are no easily accessible play facilities for the community and residents have come together with a plan to provide a safe place for children and families to play and for people to exercise.

Speaking after the visit, Rosie Cooper said: "Having met with local residents and children in the village it is clear how important this scheme is to them and their willingness to work hard to make it a reality for the benefit of the whole community.

"It is great to see the way in which the local community in Crawford has come together, across the generations.

"The committee members, along with significant local support, have made great a start in their fundraising efforts that will pay for all the work and equipment needed.

"This is a real community effort and I will continue to work with local residents as they seek to secure the £60,000 they need to realise their great community plans."

Rosie Cooper with the Crawford Playpark Committee

Poignant anniversary for family of 'first man from Skelmersdale to die in First World War'

Report by **Henry James**

THIS month marks a very special and poignant anniversary for one local family.

Robert Henry Margison from Skelmersdale died while fighting in the Battle of Somme on September 16, 1916 and is believed to have been the first person from the town to be killed in the First World War.

Buried at the Guards' Cemetery at Lesboeufs in France, Robert is also believed to have been the person on whom the figure of a soldier on the town's war memorial was modelled.

To mark the 100th anniversary of his passing, his descendants have been paying their respects while recalling his all-too-brief life story.

His great-great nephew, James Palmer, 29, said: "The family are very proud of Robert and his story has been passed down from generation to generation.

"We have heard about his life from old family stories. My mum, Lillian, has been researching our family tree since 2008 and finding out about his life.

"We believe that the memorial in the town was carved from a photograph of him. His army record has him as a lance corporal but he is recorded as a private on the memorial."

Robert was born in 1892, the eldest son of Thomas Margison, who lived in School Lane, Skelmersdale but was originally from St Helens.

His mother was Martha Gregory, who was born in Skelmersdale and he had a brother Thomas Margison, who served in the navy and also owned a fish and chip shop in Old Skelmersdale which is the site of a Chinese restaurant today.

Robert served in the King's Liverpool Regiment and a copy of the old Skelmersdale Journal from the period describes him as "one of the earliest recruits from the colliery township", adding that he was "a steady, industrious young man who was highly esteemed."

Skelmersdale war memorial - Robert Margison's family believe he was the 'model' for the solider depicted

Police enlist help of Skem firm to dispose of nuisance bike haul

Merseyside Police with the bikes at Hills Motors in Skelmersdale

A LARGE haul of scrambler and off-road motor bikes came to the end of the road this week when police teamed up with a Skelmersdale company.

The bikes, which had been seized by Merseyside Police in their latest crackdown on nuisance and criminal use, were crushed at Hills Salvage and Recycling Ltd. in Gerrard Place, Gillibrands on Monday (September 5).

Merseyside Police hailed the initiative their "most successful ever" with record numbers of seizures and arrests this summer.

Ian Hill, owner of Hills Salvage and Recycling Ltd, said: "We collaborate with the police and are one of the local authorised treatment facilities. Merseyside Police use our services throughout the year."

The police have so far seized a total of 185 vehicles, including 95 confirmed stolen vehicles, which have been reunited with their owners, where possible. A total of 150 arrests have also been made, including for driving, theft and drug offences, as part of this year's operation.

Walk-in Centre closed temporarily as a result of 'short-term' staffing issues

SKELMERSDALE Walk-in Centre at the Concourse Shopping Centre was temporarily closed yesterday (Tuesday, September 6) from 4pm due to short-term staffing issues.

The service was scheduled to re-open at 7am today (Wednesday) as usual.

While the Walk-in Centre was closed the West Lancashire Health Centre at Ormskirk Hospital remained open until 10pm.

The NHS Skelmersdale Walk-in Centre

It treats a range of minor injuries and illness - including minor burns and scalds, minor cuts and wounds, and simple fractures and sprains - with no appointment needed.

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Commissioning group denies scrutiny claim

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A SPOKESPERSON for West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has refuted claims that it is being "scrutinised" by the Department of Health and the National Audit Office over its management of the procurement process for local community and urgent care services.

It follows a statement issued by West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper who has raised serious concerns over the CCG's decision to tender community and some urgent care services to two private companies and two out-of-area NHS trusts, while rejectingSouthport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, the current service provider.

Ms Cooper accused the CCG of a " lack of openness and transparency in the process" and raised her concerns with the chair of the Commons Public Accounts Committee and the Department of Health.

As a result, she said, the Public Accounts Committee have requested the National Audit Office investigate the use of 'commercial confidentiality' by West Lancs CCG to refuse publishing any meaningful information.

Meanwhile, the health minister wrote that for the general public trying to access information on primary care, such as an up-to-date list of GPs in the local area, was 'mind-bogglingly opaque' and added that the Department of Health would take the issues up directly with the bodies responsible.

Rosie Cooper said: "Clearly, it is not just me and the residents of West Lancashire who believe the CCG has been vague in their responses to legitimate questions about the decisions they are taking on the future of vital local health services.

"Ultimately these are public services funded with taxpayers' money and they should be open to meaningful scrutiny.

"Hiding behind 'commercial confidentiality' isn't acceptable. This just protects the bidders for the contracts. It is the CCG's duty to protect health service users first and foremost. And if they won't, I will."

However, a spokesperson for the West Lancashire CCG responded: "Like any healthcare commissioner, we are monitored on an ongoing basis, but we are currently unaware of any additional scrutiny taking place around this procurement process as the MP claims.

"Since the Uniting Care procurement the MP's story mentions, a review document was produced including a set of recommendations for CCGs, which we address fully during this procurement. As the process is ongoing, according to legal advice we are unable to release information that relates to individual organisations' bids as this is confidential and commercially sensitive. Everything relating to this procurement that we can share has been shared.

"This process is standard CCG business; we have a responsibility to review all NHS services we commission, not least when contracts come to an end. This re-procurement of local community health services, which includes walk-in and out-of-hours services, is therefore standard practice for CCGs. This process follows a national model and is subject to national procurement legislation which requires the CCGs to enable both NHS and independent sector providers to compete, and only proceed if they are successful following evaluation against set criteria.

"Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust will continue to be a major part of local health services and will remain integral as we move towards achieving our vision for joined-up care. The aim is to develop and enhance community and local walk-in and out of hours services, helping to prevent avoidable acute hospital attendance, relieving pressure on such a vital resource.

"We will continue to enable and support the local hospital to do what it does best, in addressing the needs of those residents who need acute and specialist care. Any services commissioned will continue to be delivered as part of the NHS and will remain free at the point of contact as with any provision of NHS care."

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Developer submits proposals for 200 homes on Ashurst site

Report by **Henry James**

PLANS have been submitted to West Lancashire Borough Council to build 202 homes at Whalleys Road, Ashurst in Skelmersdale.

The ambitious proposals have been put forward by developers, Keepmoat Homes Ltd.

They are proposing to build 142 'open-market' family dwellings that will sit alongside 60 affordable homes to be provided by Heylo Homes.

The properties would be made up of a mix of two, three and four-bedroom dwellings with associated roads, footpaths and landscaping.

The application is the first phase of a housing development for the land at Whalleys, which received outline planning approval in August 2014.

The area for the whole development is to consist of 630 residential dwellings.

It is currently made up of four parcels of arable fields and rough grassed areas.

An artist"s impression of the proposed development

'Vision'

The site included in the current application, known as 'Whalleys Site 4', slopes from east to west and is bounded by Beacon Lane to the north, Whalleys Road to the west, an arable field to the east and existing residential area and school fields to the south.

Keepmoat spell out their plans for the development in their design and access statement for the proposal.

This states: "Our vision is to create a neighbourhood of choice; a place that is attractive for living, that demonstrates design quality and that creates an environment that inspires future generations.

"This will be achieved through the design quality of the masterplan proposals and the house type designs, ensuring the creation of a high-quality sustainable neighbourhood with a strong sense of place and community identity."

The developers also gave their reasons for using agricultural land to build houses on, writing: "While the Whalleys 4 site currently exists as greenfield, agricultural land, it forms a logical and 'natural' expansion to the town - continuing the flow of residential neighbourhoods across a partially land-locked field."

Keepmoat say the bus stops on Whalleys Road are "poorly accessed" by foot and they want to convert them into a "more integrated" pedestrian and cycle network.

St James' Primary School and Nursery borders the southern edge of the site. And Ashurst community & recreation centre, health centre, pharmacy and various shops are also within a 10-minute walk of the proposed development.

Go-ahead for plan to rebuild fire-damaged industrial units

WEST Lancs Council's planning committee have passed plans to rebuild and alter two fire-damaged units on the East Gillibrands industrial estate in Skelmersdale.

Councillors made the decision at their meeting on Thursday, September 1, following recommendations made by officers for numbers 34 and 36 Gorsey Place, two of 24 similar units built in the 1970s.

Unit 34 was severely damaged in the blaze and had to be completely removed but unit 36 remains largely intact.

The council wants to rebuild unit 34 on the existing concrete slab with some internal layout changes.

It also plans new wall and roof cladding to units 34 and 36 to provide more internal space.

Commenting on the design and layout of the application, John Harrison, the council's director of development and regeneration, wrote in his report for the meeting: "The design, scale and materials of the replacement building would match the adjoining building and I am satisfied it would be appropriate in this location."

The site where the work will take place

He also researched the impact on neighbouring land uses and wrote: "Due to the location of the proposed development in relation to the nearby buildings I am satisfied there would not be any significant adverse impact on the neighbouring land uses."

Mr Harrison wrote in summary: "The proposed development is acceptable in principle. The design of the proposed scheme is considered to be appropriate to the location and will not have a significant impact on the character or appearance of the area. The development would not result in any additional adverse impact on highway safety, neighbouring land uses or drainage within the local area."

Campus site arson probe

A BLAZE at the derelict Westbank campus building at the site of the former Glenburn Sports College is being treated as arson.

Two units and crews from Skelmersdale attended at just after 7pm on Thursday, September 1 and the blaze was contained to the one room which suffered slight fire and smoke damage.

Charity offers free suicide prevention training

SKELMERSDALE-based charity, The Birchwood, is working in partnership with Pendle Action for the Community to offer free suicide prevention training.

They believe that talking openly about suicidal thoughts and feelings can save lives.

Officials of the two organisation say that people contemplating taking their own lives don't want to die, they just want to stop hurting. And they believe suicide prevention starts with recognising the warning signs and taking them seriously.

The charity is therefore pleased to announce further free suicide prevention training after their successful Safe to Talk training.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is intended as 'suicide first-aid' training to enable participants to recognise and intervene effectively to help those at risk of taking their own lives.

It is suitable for all kinds of caregivers – health workers, teachers, community workers, youth workers, volunteers, people responding to family, friends and co-workers.

ASIST is a free two-day practical workshop developing skills through observation and supervised simulation. The course will train participants to reduce the immediate risk of a suicide and increase the support for a person at risk.

Training will take place from 9.30am to 5.30pm on Thursday and Friday, September 15 and 16 at Tanhouse Community Centre, Ennerdale, Skelmersdale.

Stella Connell, chief executive of The Birchwood, explained: "Most people contemplating suicide signal and share their distress – they sometimes offer us opportunities to help.

"We and our partners Pendle Action hope that ASIST training will help participants to actively respond to these opportunities and increase our potential to help those persons whose lives may be in the balance.

"Because of the sensitive nature of some of the training it might not be suitable for those feeling emotionally vulnerable, having suicidal thoughts, or who have been recently bereaved, particularly through suicide. Those so affected should delay taking part in this course until feeling stronger.

"Booking is essential. If you are interested in taking part and increasing your skills and knowledge, please contact Wendy Brown at The Birchwood on 01695 717115 or email wendy.brown@wlcrisis-centre.org.uk."

Nursery stages graduation day

WHILE the town's teenagers have been celebrating A-level and GCSE results these pre-school youngsters from Giggles day nursery in Westgate enjoyed their own 'graduation' day complete with eye-catching caps and gowns!

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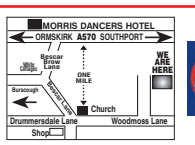

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Slight rise in Jobseeker's claims attributed to returning graduates

Report by **Henry James**

STAFF at Jobcentre Plus believe the slight rise in people in West Lancashire claiming benefits compared with last year is down to graduates returning from university and making new claims for benefits.

Figures show that in August this year in the borough there were 1,285 claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Universal Credit, an increase of 110 on the same period last year.

But JobCentre employees point out that since 2010 there has been a 56% reduction in West Lancashire in the 18-24 age groups claiming JSA and Universal Credit.

Amanda Jakeman, employer and partnership manager at Jobcentre Plus, said: "We always see slight increase in West Lancashire as graduates return from university and make the relevant claim. We make sure there is enough support in place to help these individuals."

There are a number of schemes in place to help claimants and Amanda explained: "Jobseekers can take part in Universal Jobmatch. In this they can make an online job search on the system which includes a nationwide register of employers who have vacancies.

"The claimants can upload their CV on to it and try and match the criteria of the employers. We can help them upskill to meet the criteria.

"People who want to use it should type in #lancsjobs on Twitter. In the course of an average month we have 1,000 jobs for Lancashire and Cumbria on this site.

"In September we will be taking part in the Feeding Britain's Future Programme – a food and grocery initiative which has been designed to help unemployed people.

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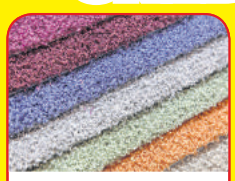

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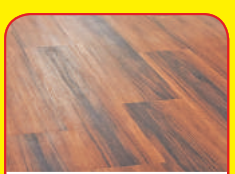

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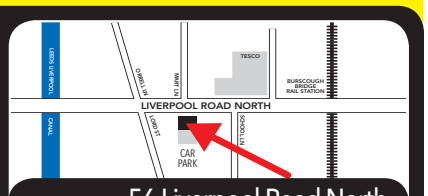

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Glenburn students achieve improved GCSE results - despite distraction of consultation on school's future

STAFF at the former Glenburn Sports College say pupils have achieved better results in this year's GCSE results.

Teachers said students made better progress in English and maths and added that the majority of subjects showed an improvement on the results of the previous year, including science which showed marked improvement.

Other subjects in which students performed particularly well included textiles (100% A*-C), further maths (100% A*-C), and religious education (100% A*-C).

Students studying French continued to perform well above the levels that are achieved nationally with 82% gaining A*-C.

Karen Ingham, former acting headteacher at Glenburn, said: "Students have remained focused despite the obvious distraction provided by the consultation and decision on the future of the school.

"Staff have also been totally committed and have worked exceptionally hard and I am pleased that this has brought about further improvement this year."

And she added: "The governing body and staff of Glenburn would like to congratulate all of the students on their results and we wish our Year 11 students every success in the next stage of their education or employment.

"We also hope our former students, who have moved to a number of different schools, do well in their GCSEs when they take them from 2017 onwards."

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Shoppers enjoy mini music festival

SHOPPERS enjoyed a day of entertainment at the Concourse in Skelmersdale when the shopping centre staged a mini music festival over the bank holiday weekend.

Musicians from the creative community group Skem Creative Hub, as well as a variety of other local singers and musicians, took to the stage for the event.

A treasure hunt and a hidden letters game saw hundreds of children and adults hunt for clues, all hoping to win a range of great prizes, including Concourse Centre shopping vouchers, and goodies from Trimmers, Pretty Little Things, and Subway.

Skem Creative Hub, which provides arts, music, dance and performance provision for young people who are vulnerable or at risk of drifting into crime and anti social behaviour, also displayed its art in a vacant unit.

Jennifer Burnett, marketing manager at the Concourse, said: "Our mini music festival was really lively and helped to create a fantastic community atmosphere, as everyone enjoyed the entertainment and had a good look round for our envelopes that contained all the goodies.

Jennifer Burnett, new retail marketing manager at the Concourse shopping centre, welcomes Chris Pate and Allan Brophy of Skelmersdale Creative Hub to the music and arts event.

"It's the first time we've staged something like this and because of the positive feedback, we hope to run other events."

Allan Brophy, of Skem Creative Hub, also praised the event. "We were all very happy with the way it went and want to thank everyone from the Concourse, especially Jen Burnett for all her help and advice, and we look forward to future events.

"We also had great feedback from the public and extra likes on our Facebook page so it was a great first event for us."

Community arts group taster day goes down a treat

Report by **Henry James**

DIVINE Days Creative Arts hosted a Taster Day at the Greenhill Community Centre in Skelmersdale.

The event was an opportunity for residents to see for themselves the wide variety of arts, hobby crafts and dance activities provided every week at the centre for men and women (irrespective of age, ability, or disability) and young adults with additional needs.

Among the visitors to the event were members of the police and Lancashire County Council's champion for older people, County Councillor Terry Aldridge, who expressed their delight in meeting and supporting the work of the group, describing it as "a wonderful and effective" way to remain active, to maintain social connections when retired, and to help keep positive and confident when managing a long-term health condition.

Divine Days activities are in two parts. Thursday mornings sees the award-winning Divine dancers in action, learning and perfecting their routines and having fun.

And on Thursday afternoons it's the turn of the Community Connections group, a time to share friendship, a cuppa, hobbies and interests, and new ways to learn and enjoy arts and crafts with others.

Christine (left) receiving her certificate from County Councillor Terry Aldridge watched by Irene

A recent addition, the Divine Days Social club for young adults with additional needs also meets on Thursday afternoons.

During the taster day, Divine Days dance troupe enjoyed showing visitors and newcomers the fun they have on a typical dance morning.

All the dancers have additional needs and the group welcomes new members irrespective of ability or disability to enjoy friendships, exercise, free expression and creativity that makes the group so popular and well regarded, when they use music and the body to tell a story to audiences at events across the borough.

Divine Dancers are proud to have been selected as both individual and group winners of the prestigious Nelson Dance Festival.

Community Connections members welcomed new visitors and encouraged them to come again to relax, revive abandoned hobbies and interests, or to sample new activities informally, including painting, colouring books, model making, knitting, crochet, claywork, sewing, jigsaws, games, card making and much more.

County Councillor Aldridge, who represents the Skelmersdale Central ward, also presented an award and certificate to Christine, the newest Royal Society for Public Health, health champion.

Divine Days enjoys the support of six qualified health champions who help members to keep physically and mentally healthy through connecting with others, learning new things, helping others and maintaining independence and a positive outlook on daily life.

For more information about the Community Connections group email suzanne@divinedays.co.uk.

Bank staff make a 'deposit' to Liberty Centre!

STAFF at the Co-operative Bank in Skelmersdale have made a donation of clothes to The Liberty Centre in Ormskirk, which helps women and children who are experiencing domestic violence.

The employees sent an email asking colleagues to give donations of women's and children's clothes.

A total of 30 bin bags were collected over a period of eight weeks and items donated included clothes, bedding, blankets, toys and DVDs.

The organisers of the collection said: "A massive thank-you to the colleagues who helped us with the collection. It was very much appreciated."

Nic Ward (centre) and Djoni Hodgson (right) from the Co-Op Bank with some of the items collected by the community team which they donated to Jackie Hill of Ormskirk's Liberty Centre.

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Mayor gets insight into baby unit's vital work

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Councillor Liz Savage and Councillor Noel Delaney with Elsie Carr, Theo Graham, and Dillon and Robynne Barnes who were all treated on the unit

MAYOR of West Lancashire, Councillor Liz Savage paid a visit to Ormskirk Hospital to see at first-hand the work of staff at one of the causes she aims to help during her year of office.

Cllr. Savage and her consort, Councillor Noel Delaney went along to the hospital's neo-natal unit where they met some of the families helped by the unit.

The mayor is aiming to raise £52,000 to be divided between the neo-natal unit, the Birchwood Centre in Skelmersdale, The Artz Centre in Birch Green and The Civic in Ormskirk.

And the mother-of-two was particularly keen to meet the dedicated staff at the unit along with some of the children and parents who have benefited from their care and expertise.

The 12-cot unit provides specialist, lifesaving care and treatment 24 hours a day, seven days a week to babies born prematurely or who are ill after birth.

Mum Jo Denton was so grateful for the treatment staff gave to her children Robynne, now aged 12, and Dillon, aged seven, that she set up Tender Hearts to raise money for the unit and the charity Bliss.

Robynne was born 14 weeks premature weighing just 1lb 14oz and Dillon was 12 weeks early weighing 2lb 15oz. Both had serious health problems.

Jo said: "We will forever be grateful to the unit and its amazing staff without who we wouldn't or couldn't have gotten through everything."

The mayor also met three-year-old Theo Graham, whose mum Emma is another fundraiser for the unit. Emma said: "Theo was born 10 weeks premature and weighed 2lb 8oz. The staff were absolutely fantastic and without them he wouldn't be here today."

Jo Carr, whose daughter Elsie was born 11 weeks early weighing less than 3lb, said: "The team provided my husband Sam and I with love and support and helped us through possibly the worst experience of our lives. All the staff are dedicated and give 100% to care for your little bundle of joy."

Cllr. Savage commented: "As a mum it was a really emotional experience for me to meet the children and hear the stories from their parents about their traumatic experiences of having a baby that so desperately needed intensive medical attention. I was also very pleased to meet the staff who really are lifesavers and this has inspired me to try even harder to raise money."

Equipment like incubators, monitors and infusion pumps - all of which are used by the unit - is very expensive.

The mayor is aiming to hit her £52,000 target to enable her to donate £13,000 - the cost of an incubator - to each of the four charities.

The next fundraising event which she is working on with her charity committee is a charity ball at Hurlston Hall on Friday, September 9. Tickets, priced £30, can be bought from Ann England on 01695 585033.

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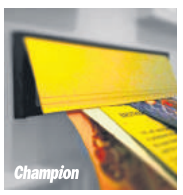

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Possible lifeline for Women's Refuge

County council cabinet set to vote on proposed £800,000 funding for nine centres

Report by **Henry James**

The Liberty Centre chief executive, Eleanor Maddocks, pictured at the Ormskirk drop-in centre, with admin officer Padmini Athma, male victim supporter Andy Bennett and vice-chair Maureen Fazal.

WEST Lancashire Women's Refuge, known as The Liberty Centre, has been handed a possible lifeline after Lancashire County Council put forward proposals for £800,000 of new funding for the county's nine women's refuges.

County chiefs originally proposed ending funding for the centres as part of the £262m of budget cuts they have to make.

However County Councillor Tony Martin, Lancashire's cabinet member for adult and community services, said: "We're pleased to provide £800,000 to women's refuges, which is only a slight reduction from the previous budget. We're confident that by delivering the service more efficiently we won't need to reduce the services provided by the refuges."

But he added: "These are still only proposals and have to be considered by the council's cabinet."

Bosses at The Liberty Centre, which is based in Skelmersdale but also has a drop-in centre in Ormskirk, had launched a petition to fight for its future.

Supported by West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper, they appealed to the county council to review the decision to withdraw funding for all nine refuges in Lancashire.

Chief executive at The Liberty Centre, Eleanor Maddocks said: "The board and I are very happy with this announcement. The future of West Lancashire's Refuge is looking brighter than it did last week. However, at this stage, we don't know how much we are receiving, or for how long. We will know more once the proposals have been to cabinet."

The county council cabinet will meet tomorrow (Thursday, September 8).

Rosie Cooper added: "Lancashire County Council's decision to continue to provide funding for refuges is very welcome. It shows that the council listened to everyone who raised serious concerns and recognises the importance of women's refuges.

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Call to make road safety a priority for youngsters

HEALTH professionals from Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust are urging parents and teachers to make road and cycle safety and traffic awareness a priority as the new school term gets underway.

As children head back to school or arrive for their first day, the trust is highlighting the importance of good road safety knowledge.

On average, six children under the age of five are killed or seriously injured on British roads every week. In 2014 alone, 187 children aged up to four were killed or seriously injured while on foot in the UK, while some 85 cyclists aged eight to 11 were killed or seriously injured.

Lorraine Chadwick of Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "September is a busy time with children starting school again. It's crucial children are made aware about road safety, cycle safety and traffic at a young age.

"Practicing and talking about road safety early on prepares them for when they start high school in the coming years as they prefer to walk with friends or alone instead of with parents.

"There are some basic steps that parents and teachers can carry out which would encourage children to be careful when walking alone with friends or with parents.

Lorraine Chadwick

"Walking is a great and easy way to exercise but as the weather gets colder and the days become darker roads can become more hazardous so we recommend avoiding distractions such as texting and making calls, and encourage people to give the road their full attention when crossing."

The trust has issued the following tips to keep families safe when walking to and from school and other journeys:

- Make holding hands your number one rule for when walking together.
- Teach your child the Green Cross Code – Stop Look and Listen.
- Wear something reflective or brightly coloured when walking in the dark.
- If you are using a buggy/push chair on a hilly street, strap your wrist to the buggy handle then if you slip and let go, the buggy won't roll away.
- Ask your school or local authority about cycle training in your area. Your child shouldn't cycle on roads until they have been trained.
- Check your child's bike to see if it's roadworthy. Look at brakes, tyres and lights/reflectors (when riding at dusk or at night you must have white front lights and red back lights and reflectors).
- Make sure the bike is the right size for your child.
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The largest numbers of child injuries occur between 8 and 9am and 3 and 7pm. During these times there are around 16 deaths or serious injuries to children under 16 years every week.

Crowds flock to village festival

VISITORS flocked to enjoy the second annual Parbold Street Festival on Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4.

Billed as a festival of arts and music, this year's event boasted more than 30 attractions including live music performances, more than 40 stalls, songs, stories and dance, plus theatrical performances.

And to mark the 200th anniversary of the Leeds-Liverpool canal, the Canal and River Trust brought along a Victorian barge, George, which has been turned into an interactive museum.

There was also an inter-denominational church service, while the popular Duck Race on the canal featured a little help from firefighters, who used high-pressure hoses to propel the plastic ducks.

Theatre performances over the weekend included a dramatic enactment of the Legend of Parbold Hill, the story of a dragon living under the hill!

ABOVE: One of the colourful music ensembles who took part in this year's Parbold Street Festival

LEFT: The Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage and her consort, Councillor Noel Delaney get in step with the 'dragons' who featured in last weekend's Parbold Street Festival.

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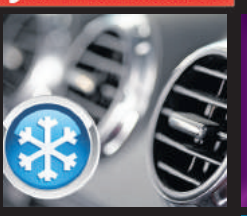

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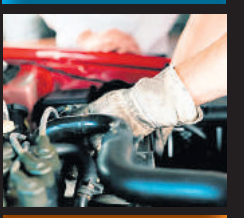

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Care trust and police earn top marks for diversity

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE Lancashire Care Trust and Lancashire Constabulary have both been ranked among the top 50 employers in the UK.

They have been listed in a prestigious index of the 50 employers that best demonstrate and promote all strands of diversity in all levels of employment in the Excellence in Diversity Awards' Inclusive Top 50 UK Employers List.

The list recognises the outstanding efforts of organisations that have begun their journey to attracting and retaining a truly diverse workforce, achieving equality, diversity and inclusion at its purest form.

All of the employers on the list have been earmarked for promoting diversity including age, disability, gender, LGBT, race, faith and religion and representation at management, senior, executive and board level.

Emma Allen from Lancashire Care Trust said: "This prestigious award demonstrates the commitment of the trust and its staff to keep people at the heart of everything we do, to always be as inclusive as possible and promote the benefits of diversity at every turn.

"We're thrilled to have made it on to this national list. There are just a handful of NHS organisations on the list and we are very proud and honoured to be in the company of this select few."

And Lancashire's police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw said: "We are proud to have such diverse and inclusive communities in Lancashire and it is important our police force reflects that.

"A lot of hard work has gone in to harnessing the potential of a truly diverse workforce at Lancashire Constabulary. I am clear we cannot rest on our laurels and to ensure this great work continues I have funded a staff role specifically to focus on this area.

"I am delighted to see the efforts of everyone at Lancashire Constabulary have been recognised."

Emma Allen of Lancashire Care Trust

Clive Grunshaw

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Scholarship boost for Scout chief

AN Edge Hill student who became the District Youth Commissioner for the Scouts in Ormskirk earlier this year has been awarded a £2,000 scholarship by the university for her voluntary work.

Becca Webster, 20, who is studying geography, has been involved in scouting for the last six years, starting as a Young Leader and going on to become an Explorer Scout Leader.

In her role as District Youth Commissioner, she aims to use youth forums, feedback and the development of Young Leaders to help young people shape their scouting experience as part of the organisation's Youth-Shaped Scouting national initiative to make young people feel valued and listened to.

She has now been awarded the Excellence in Volunteering scholarship for her work helping to transform the Scouting movement in the area and plans to spend the money on attending an international jamboree in Denmark next summer.

She said: "It's been fantastic to have my voluntary work with the Scouts recognised.

"As the first District Youth Commissioner for Ormskirk it has been great to develop my role and ensure young people in Ormskirk get the opportunity to shape their scouting experience in partnership with adults. It's about giving young people greater opportunities to share their ideas and take part in decision making.

"Scouting has a role to suit everyone and for me District Youth Commissioner has been a welcomed challenge and a role in which I hope to grow and develop.

"I'm proud of how far Ormskirk has progressed in the past six months, since I started my role and I'm positive that through the use of youth forums, conferences and leadership pledges we can ensure we offer young people greater opportunities to develop their leadership skills.

"Scouting isn't something I see as a chore; I enjoy being part of a fantastic team of volunteers and I'm proud to Scout!"

Becca Webster

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Some 'facts' don't speak for themselves

IN reply to Dr John Caine's letter (Champion, August 24) he certainly presents his case with great care and gives the impression that everything in our NHS is shiny and bright.

Nonetheless, he is absolutely right; it is the responsibility of the local health commissioner to review all NHS contracts when they end. This is due to the passing of the 2010 Health and Social Care Act (HSCA) pushed through by the Tory government allowing private companies to buy up parts of our NHS. To that end, Dr Caine is simply following government legislation.

However, as Dr Caine seems so intent on facts allow me to offer a few. It is a fact that national procurement legislation 'enables' independent private bids but the meaning of this 'fact' is the forced drift to privatisation of the NHS, as purposely designed by the HSCA 2010.

Would Dr Caine contest this 'fact?' Does he deny that there is an intention and agenda to privatise the NHS? If in all honesty and good faith he does, then I suggest he read 'The Plot Against the NHS' by Professors Colin Leys and Stewart Player, which contains a wealth of valuable facts, dates and names showing exactly how 'enabling' independent providers to run the NHS is the thin end of the wedge.

If this is not enough I suggest he check out what Professor of public health research and policy of the London School of Medicine, Allyson Pollock, has to say. She lays out not only the legislation 'facts' but also the ideology and agenda behind the 'enabling' of independent providers to procure contracts for NHS provision - namely full-blown privatisation and commercialisation, which, in time, is purposely designed to erode the principles of comprehensive, free at the point of use health care.

Furthermore, does he deny that Oliver Letwin wrote a blueprint for the privatisation of the NHS called, 'Britain's Biggest Enterprise', where he set out the stages through which you can go through, without the public noticing, to get us to the USA model? He also recently stated that the NHS will not exist within five years of the Tory government?

I feel it is my duty to ask, does Dr Caine subscribe to the agenda and ideological proclivity to 'enable' the gradual colonisation of public health provision by independent (private) health care businesses?

If he does agree then at least that would be an honest and full explanation of his 'facts,' as presented in his letter. But if not, then why is he not fighting to protect our NHS?

Take heed people of West Lancashire if a private company is allowed to run NHS services they will simply be using the NHS logo. Their imperative, as with all private companies, will be profit, not people. Their shareholders will be given priority.

Lastly, how can Dr Caine be both elected solely by GPs and accountable to local residents? Did anyone ask the people of West Lancs if they want private companies running their walk-in centre or hospital?

Joseph Welsh, Tanhouse, Skelmersdale

Grateful for swift response to road surface problems

I WOULD like to publicly send thanks and gratitude to Councillor Claire Cooper for her very swift and decisive role in assisting the residents of Firbeck in Skelmersdale.

The residents have had to endure an ever-increasing deterioration of the road surface for many years, made even worse by the presence of lorries carrying heavy materials, and tracked machinery constantly churning up the tarmac during the recent regeneration.

A number of residents have faced repairs to their vehicles costing hundreds of pounds, including myself, after the suspension or steering being damaged by the uneven road surface. And it's understood that at least one has also fallen and been injured, as a direct result of the potholes.

After contacting Cllr. Cooper, it wasn't very long before a leaflet arrived from Lancashire County Council stating that the road surface was going to be planed off in the very near future, and a new road surface laid along the full length of Firbeck.

A Firbeck road littered with potholes

I think I speak on behalf of all Firbeck residents in saying a huge 'thank-you' to Cllr. Cooper for all her time and effort taken on our behalf, it is very much appreciated.

Firbeck resident, details supplied

PICTURE of the week

A real duck takes to the air as a firefighter uses a hose to speed the flow of hundreds of plastic ducks in last Sunday's canal race - one of the events celebrating Parbold's Arts and Music Festival. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Councillor's work for community deserves praise

I READ with interest H. Pennington's letter (Champion, August 24) regarding Our West Lancashire (OWL) and Adrian Owens.

I think he needs to speak to the residents of Derby ward. We were flooded on Boxing Day and the only councillor who came to help and support us was Adrian Owens.

We have had various issues over the years and Adrian is always supportive. I personally have written to various councillors over the years and the only support I have ever received was from Adrian Owens.

Instead of blasting Adrian for what you think is his past history, Mr Pennington, try looking into the good he actually does for the community of Ormskirk.

He is loyal to his constituency and works harder than any councillor in the borough and I speak from personal experience.

Carole Davies, Ormskirk

Closures no surprise

IT appears that following consultation three libraries in West Lancashire are to close, namely at Up Holland, Burscough and Parbold.

What a surprise! Everyone knew that this would be the outcome when the proposal was first mooted.

I only ask residents of these villages to remember this when the next local elections take place.

John Gallagher, Up Holland

Park band concerts were superb - roll on next year!

I WOULD like to say how much I and my friends and family have enjoyed the brass band concerts in Coronation Park, Ormskirk this summer.

They really have been superb and I very much hope this can be done again next year.

The park is such an asset to the town and it's great to see people of all different age groups enjoying various activities there.

Thanks again to all concerned in putting on the concerts. I'll be there next year!

Music lover, Ormskirk, details supplied

It's time for Skem houses to 'number up' to help posties

WITH regards to the letter (Champion, August 31) about misdirected mail in Skelmersdale, one way to help postmen and many others is to make sure you have a number on your house.

There are swathes of houses in Skelmersdale where doors and house have no numbers at all.

When you compound that with the street planning in Tanhouse and Birch Green, where you often cannot tell what street you are in, it's all asking for trouble.

'Lost Every Day', Skelmersdale (details supplied)

Hospital staff shouldn't wear uniforms when shopping

WHILE shopping recently in Marks and Spencer in Ormskirk I was horrified by the number of hospital workers shopping in their uniforms - there were nurses, physios, and ward clerks all there doing their shopping.

We are always told to stop germs from spreading in the hospital but let's stop germs from spreading in food shops and at least change your tops before you go shopping.

As a nurse myself I would never dream of going into a shop with my uniform on, so make a big effort and think next time you are shopping.

Concerned, by email, details supplied

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MP backs pancreatic cancer charity's patients charter

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper is supporting Pancreatic Cancer UK's first-ever patient charter aimed at making better care a reality for all.

Ms Cooper attended a packed event in Parliament where she heard that despite more than 9,400 new cases of pancreatic cancer now diagnosed throughout the UK every year - with figures set to soar to more than 12,000 by 2030 - patients and families routinely experience poor care and support.

Many tell the charity they feel let down as they don't get the information and help they need.

Late diagnosis is common as pancreatic cancer symptoms can be very difficult to spot and a clear support pathway is often missing.

Unusually, 45% of patients are diagnosed via Accident & Emergency, more than twice the number for other forms of cancer. Many say they have had little time to take in what is happening and don't know what to expect following their discharge from hospital.

A shocking 53% say they or their family member were not offered support when told of their diagnosis.

Pancreatic Cancer UK's charter is a guide clearly detailing the care and support that every patient should expect. A handy booklet, it is aimed at giving patients and families the confidence to ask the right questions and get what they need at a difficult and confusing time.

The charity's aim is that every patient will eventually be given a copy automatically on diagnosis. It can be ordered or downloaded at http://www.pancreaticcancer.org.uk/information-and-support/our-publications//

Ms Cooper said: "I was delighted to attend this important launch by Pancreatic Cancer UK, to meet patients and their families and to understand more about the challenges faced by many of those diagnosed with this dreadful disease which currently has the lowest survival rate of all 21 most common cancers.

Pancreatic Cancer UK
Patient Charter: What you should expect from your care
1 Access to specialist care
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3 Individualised treatment
4 Compassionate care
5 Support for family members
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Pancreatic Cancer UK
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I'm supporting Pancreatic Cancer UK's Patient Charter

Rosie Cooper showing her support for the patient charter

"The charter is an excellent tool for patients in West Lancashire and throughout the UK and has the potential to make a very real difference to someone's treatment and care."

Pancreatic cancer survivor Lynne Walker said: "The shock, fear and lack of information after my diagnosis was overwhelming. If someone had put this guide in my hand when I was feeling so vulnerable it would have felt like gold dust. I want to see every patient and family given a copy."

Alex Ford, chief executive of Pancreatic Cancer UK, commented: "We believe that with great commitment on so many fronts, we will begin to see change and a better future for all pancreatic cancer patients."

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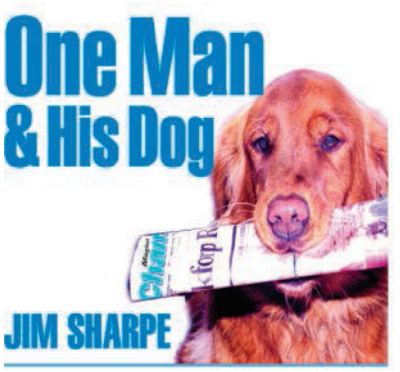

I'VE been reading a rail magazine and several articles in it struck me as indicative of some of the ways our trains are going off the track.

I must add though that more and more people are turning to the train to take the strain, so they must be doing something right. And the good news is that in the most recent figures for train company punctuality, Merseyrail came top with an astonishing 95.7%!

But back to the bad. First off I came to a report on the first journey of our new, all-singing all-dancing express train, mainly, thank heaven, being built in England though by Hitachi. And it was damned with faint praise.

In fact, it was obvious the reporter reckoned it would have a hard job beating the venerable IC 125 for passenger appeal. Sterile was one adjective used. But the main gripe was, the seats - 'they can best be described as either firm or hard, depending on your viewpoint.'

Then I happened on a story about new commuter trains being delivered by Siemens. These new electric units are not for us but for South West Trains, and I think we should be thankful.

Apparently, these will be the only commuter trains in the country to have '2 plus 1' seating – as is normal in first class. But of course there is a catch. This is not being done so London office workers can have more space – rather the opposite in fact. The idea is that this will free up lots more room to cram in extra standing passengers.

It's things like that which make me refuse to call them customers. Let's hope the design for the new Merseyrail trains won't go down the same route.

Back to the train magazine. Actually, this is not a criticism of the railways, more its a story that pulls at my heart strings, since I know the area and its railways well. In Norfolk exists the 'Wherry Lines', so called because the routes from Norwich to Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft more or less follow the rivers that used to carry the local sail trading vessels, the Wherries.

And the story is about the signalling thereof. Nowhere else in the country still uses the old-style semaphore signals and their associated signal boxes and line-side cabins as much as this 59 route mile enclave.

I love the old semaphores, not just because they look like 'real' signals to me, but because they are a real help both to passengers waiting at a rural station, or to folk wishing to cross the line at a country spot with manual gates.

Modern colour light signals turn to green as soon as the line ahead is clear. They give you no indication that a train is actually coming. So if you are waiting at a little station in the middle of nowhere, the fact that the line signal shows green means nothing to you. But the old semaphores were kept at 'danger' until a train actually wanted to enter that section of line. So the rustle of signal wires from the signal box, followed by the clang of the signal itself 'clearing', told you of the imminent arrival of your train.

Mind you, us Luddites have the last laugh on the Wherry Line. There are two railway swing bridges over the rivers Yare and Waveny, and though all the new colour light signals will be controlled from a 'signalling centre' miles away, the boffins were baffled as to how this centre could work the rather complicated swing mechanisms – so two old signal boxes, at Reedham and Somerleyton will remain.

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Consultant's award for pioneering work on rare eye disease

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A DOCTOR from Ormskirk has been given an award for his work investigating and treating a rare disease which can leave sufferers blind and paralysed.

Consultant Neurologist Dr Anu Jacob first started researching neuromyelitis optica (NMO) a decade ago. The obscure condition causes inflammation in the optic nerves and spinal cord and patients need the right diagnosis and treatment to save their sight.

During the last 10 years, Dr Jacob developed the world's first-ever comprehensive NMO service, transforming patients' treatment.

He has been awarded the Royal College of Physicians Excellence in Patient Care Award as acknowledgement from his peers of his remarkable work.

Dr Jacob, who is the national lead for the NMO service, relocated from India to join The Walton Centre as a research fellow looking into the rare condition, which made it difficult to investigate.

He travelled on a weekly basis all over the UK to see patients in their homes, hospitals and rehabilitation centres and hospices, painstakingly filling out data sheets and drawing samples to take back to The Walton Centre for analysis.

His research led him to work for a year at a clinic in Minnesota in the USA and he was given opportunities to stay - but wanted to return to the UK to realise his ambition of setting up a dedicated service. He achieved this in 2010 when he secured national specialised funding from the NHS and he has continued to develop, establish and extend the service.

Dr Jacob said: "It feels very good to get this acknowledgement, of course. Appreciation by peers is a great feeling. I have always wanted to know everything about one condition and be really good at it, to be the best in it – so to see the service as it is today, that's quite satisfying.

Consultant neurologist Dr Anu Jacob

"It really does make a huge difference for patients across the country, and across the globe. Over years we have built up an excellent team, committed to excellence."

The service is a two-centre model. The Walton Centre provides a service for the north of England and Scotland and John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford for the South.

Dr Jacob added: "We have brilliant colleagues at Oxford whom we liaise very closely with. I must also acknowledge the support I have had from the senior management team and colleagues here at The Walton Centre over the last 12 years."

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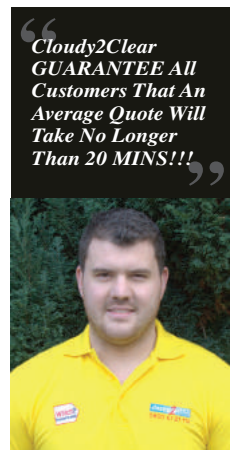

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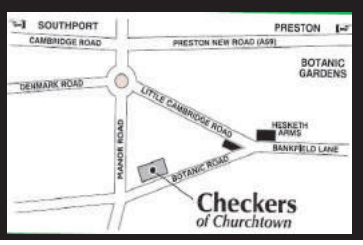

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Healthcare-and-the-homeless project

A NEW project is being launched which aims to capture the views of the county's homeless people in relation to health and social care services.

It will involve staff and volunteers from the not-for-profit social enterprise group, Healthwatch Lancashire engaging with people in a variety of settings such as food banks and homeless shelters.

The project will be undertaken in collaboration with organisations and charities that support those who are homeless or live in deprivation, including Shelter and the Salvation Army.

As well as asking how people use services, they will also question their attitudes towards their health and the barriers they face when accessing routine health care.

Sheralee Turner-Birchall, chief officer at Healthwatch Lancashire, which is funded by the Department of Health, said: "We are here to make sure all people in our communities are listened to and this project aims to give a voice to those who are homeless or living in deprivation the opportunity to be listened to.

"The strength of our community engagement will allow us to identify areas where services or access to services can be improved based on the views of those who are using them."

The project aims to find out how homeless people access healthcare

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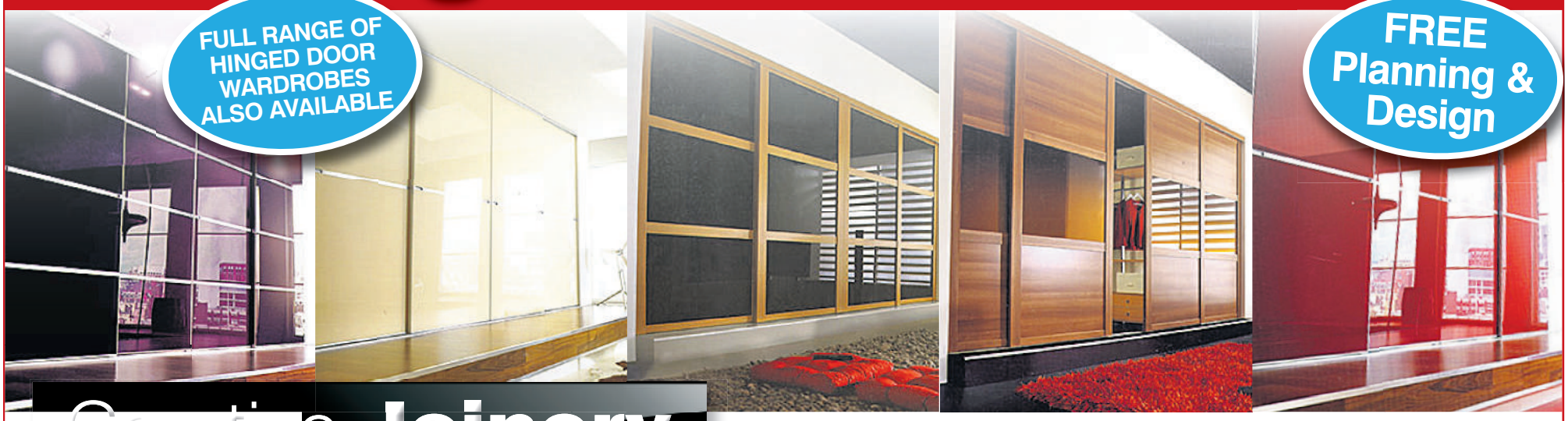

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Patient assessment findings revealed in hospital survey

Report by **Henry James**

THE findings of a patient-led survey of the care being delivered at both Southport and Ormskirk hospital sites have been published.

The 'Patient-led Assessment of the Care Environment (PLACE) at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust helps health chiefs understand how well they are meeting the needs of their patients, as well as identifying where improvements can be made.

Healthwatch Lancashire's volunteers supported the trust in the assessments and the results were published by Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC), the organisation responsible for ensuring that assessments are carried out.

Cleanliness; condition, appearance and maintenance; privacy, dignity and wellbeing; dementia; food; and disability are all looked at over a 35-day period.

The assessment at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust gave cleanliness 98.99%; condition, appearance and maintenance 91.66%; privacy, dignity and wellbeing 81.87%; dementia 64.46%; food 82.94%; and disability 71.16%.

Ormskirk hospital

Healthwatch Lancashire's chief officer, Sheralee Turner-Birchall, said: "The time our volunteers were able to commit to supporting PLACE assessments in Lancashire this year is remarkable.

"This really demonstrates how Healthwatch Lancashire's dedicated volunteers are able to make a valuable contribution in helping to scrutinise hospital environments to assess the quality of non-clinical services and the condition of buildings."

PLACE assessments are undertaken annually across all hospitals, hospices and independent treatment centres providing NHS-funded care across the UK.

Information from the patient assessors involved is used to inform how well each organisation and site is performing in terms of national standards and against other similar organisations and sites.

All Healthwatch Lancashire volunteers and staff are required to undergo PLACE training which was held at the Healthwatch Lancashire offices in March.

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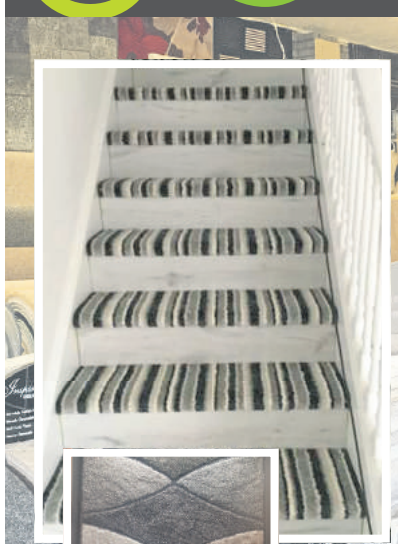

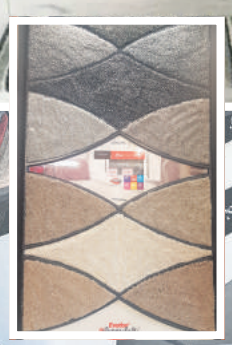

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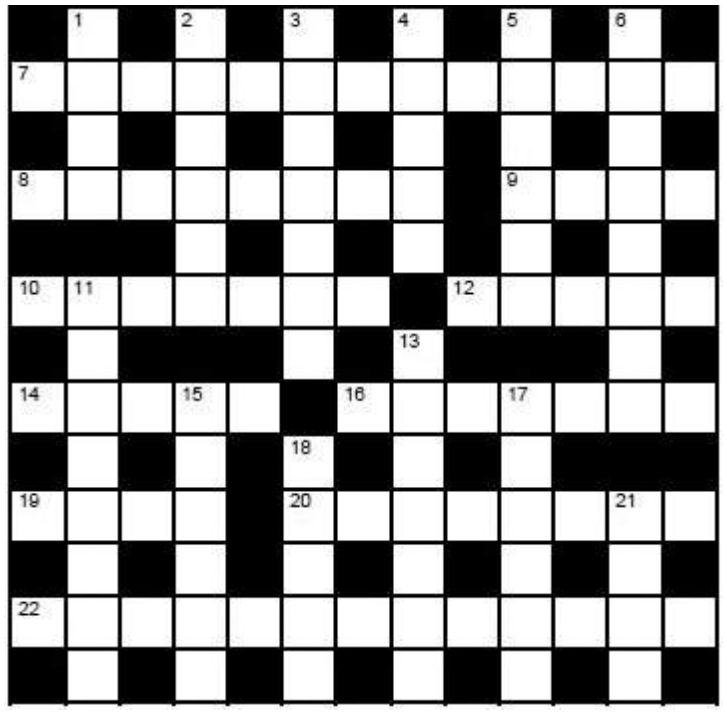

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Across: 7 Individualist. 8 Two-piece. 9 Drag. 10 Tapered. 12 Denim. 14 Tenor. 16 Presume. 19 Pike. 20 Artistry. 22 Kinetic energy.

Down: 1 Snow. 2 Simple. 3 Pie-eyed. 4 Rupee. 5 Sludge. 6 Escapism. 11 Age limit. 13 Trotter. 15 Opener. 17 System. 18 Tapir. 21 Ragu.

ACROSS

7 Extremely small (13)
8 To repeatedly assign an actor to similar roles (8)
9 Precious stone which can be various shades of red (4)
10 Name of any of a series of unmanned Soviet satellites first launched in 1957 (7)
12 A member of the aboriginal people of New Zealand (5)
14 To feel something is the case (5)
16 To disconnect (7)
19 Small island (4)
20 Recognise (8)
22 In a needless manner (13)

DOWN

1 One of Seven Deadly Sins (4)
2 Noiseless (6)
3 Any of a group of organic substances essential in small quantities to normal metabolism (7)
4 Right-hand page of an open book (5)
5 A long jagged mountain range (6)
6 Savagely cruel (8)
11 Satisfying, appealing (8)
13 Release, let loose (7)
15 Basic monetary unit of Israel (6)
17 Usually young person, often a student, who does unpaid work to gain experience (6)
18 Alarm device that makes a loud, prolonged warning sound (5)
21 American name for autumn (4)

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OFTEC, the UK trade body for the oil heating industry, is urging students to follow a safety checklist to help them find safe rental accommodation:

- **Check the property has fire alarms, Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms and fire extinguishers installed which have recently been tested.**
- **Ensure all electrical appliances are working correctly. This is a landlord's responsibility.**
- **Look out for damp patches. Mould can potentially cause health issues such as respiratory problems and headaches.**
- **Check all windows and doors are secure. It's more tempting for burglars to target student areas because of lax security.**
- **Make sure there is unblocked access to a fire escape. It is a landlord's responsibility to provide this.**
- **Ask about heating arrangements. Does the property have oil, gas or electric central heating? All boilers should be serviced annually and checked by a registered OFTEC (for oil) or GasSafe (for gas) technician.**

Malcolm Farrow, from OFTEC

Malcolm Farrow, from OFTEC, commented: "It is an exciting time for students across Lancashire but with the increased costs and reduced availability of rental property, they may feel under pressure to take what they can get.

"However, it's vital for students to ask landlords about safety to prevent them being caught out or living in a potentially dangerous property."

New school bus service for Skem youngsters travelling to Rainford High

A NEW bus service has been launched for Skelmersdale youngsters travelling to Rainford High School.

The service, operated by A1 Coaches, will be up and running in time for the new school term starting today (Wednesday, September 7).

John Donnelly, transport manager at A1 Coaches, said: "One of our drivers wanted to send his daughter to Rainford High but there was no school bus. So we approached Rainford High and have worked with them to provide this service. It will run in the morning and afternoon. We think there are 40 families who are interested."

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Martin Mere news

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre has seen one of our oldest hides, Swan Link, be demolished this week.

Centre Manager, Nick Brooks, said: "The swan link hide has been at Martin Mere for 28 years and I know many of our members and visitors will have fond memories of the hide and will be sad to see it go, but unfortunately due to years of maintaining it, it is in such disrepair that the time has come to remove it."

The swan link hide opened on 10 November 1989 through the Friends of Martin Mere raising £6000 for the first section. At the time, this hide was the longest hide in Europe and linked the hides together at the centre, allowing over 100 people to sit and view 2000 Whooper swans being fed over autumn and winter. The hide has required a lot of maintenance over the last few years and it was replaced in 2015 by a new Discovery hide that still caters for large numbers of visitors with 4 distinct sections depending on the experience our visitor wants. The swan feeds are now done everyday over the winter from this hide.

Once the swan link hide has been dismantled, in it's place will be small viewing platforms along the nature trail to see the views across the mere so there are still plenty of opportunities for photographers to get amazing photographs of the wildlife on the reserve.

This is the time of year when many waders will pass through the reserve and it is possible to see at least 50 species a day from the hides. Waders include lapwings, black-tailed godwit, wood sandpiper, little ringed plover, greenshank and green sandpiper. The kingfisher is still showing well everyday and the whole centre is preparing for the arrival of the Pink-footed geese from Iceland towards the end of September. This year the centre hopes for at least 30,000 geese to use the reserve offering fantastic views on our late opening evenings starting on Wednesday 28 September.

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 6pm during summer months and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

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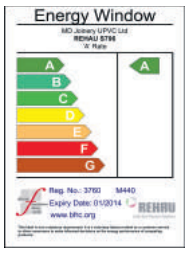

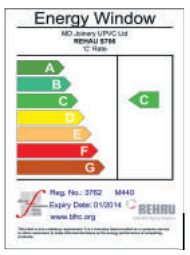

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Countdown on to finale of search for brightest budding business brains

THE countdown is on to the culmination of this year's search for Lancashire's brightest budding business brains.

Winners of the 2016 Young 'Uns Awards will be revealed at a glitzy ceremony in the Spanish Ballroom of Blackpool's Winter Gardens on Thursday, October 20.

The hopeful competitors, all aged 36 and under, will have their eyes on one of 11 category trophies including Young 'Un in Tourism and Hospitality and Young 'Un Entrepreneur, as well as the overall Publisher's Choice award for one overall winner.

Lancashire Business View's Young 'Uns is designed to help Lancashire businesses recruit and retain the very best talent.

By honouring those aged 36 and under, Young 'Uns showcases regional businesses as a place where dynamic young people can flourish.

Last year's Young 'Uns award winners celebrate their success

Employers are encouraged to enter their fresh-faced and energetic team members into Young 'Uns Awards 2016 - or they can enter themselves.

By the time the finalists make it to the grand venue and on to the stage each nominated individual will have been grilled by an expert panel at the judging day taking place at the Tickled Trout Hotel in Preston on Monday, September 12.

Richard Slater, publisher of competitons organiser, Lancashire Business View, said: "It was getting so tough to pick a single winner in each category that, this year, we've added an interview stage ensuring that anyone taking home a trophy will have truly deserved it!"

A helping hand with finance - offer

IF you're struggling with financial problems but don't know how to go about claiming benefits, help could be at hand.

Christine Wigham, a money adviser at Adactus Housing Association, is inviting West Lancs residents to take advantage of its free, confidential money advice service.

She says staff can help people access benefits they may not be claiming, with successful claims for unclaimed benefits running into several thousands of pounds. The service also offers budgeting advice, can access trust funds and assist people in making their income go further.

Christine travels across the North West, visiting people at home and filling in forms which they struggle to do themselves. She also helps people who are suffering with mental health issues.

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Smokers with diabetes urged to team up with the Quit Squad

DIABETICS who smoke, vape or chew are being encouraged to refer themselves to specialist advisors from Lancashire County Council's Quit Squad to help them kick the habit.

For smokers who are diagnosed with diabetes, giving up the habit is one of the most positive things they can do to both improve their health and reduce the risks of the long-term complications associated with the condition.

Stopping smoking reduces the risk of cardiovascular disease, lung disease, cancer and stroke. As diabetes also increases the risk for heart disease and stroke, smokers with diabetes are strongly advised to quit.

The risk of complications associated with tobacco use and diabetes in combination is around 14 times higher than the risk of either smoking or diabetes alone.

Lancashire County Council's Quit Squad can help diabetics to stub out smoking for good

The Quit Squad, funded by the county council and provided by Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, also revealed that there is an increased risk of kidney disease in patients with diabetes who smoke or are exposed to passive smoking.

Helen Hatcher from the Quit Squad said: "Everyone risks damaging their health through smoking but for people with diabetes the risk may be even greater. If you have diabetes, you already have an increased chance of developing cardiovascular disease, such as a heart attack, stroke or circulatory problems in the legs. Combine this with smoking, which can also double your risk of complications, and you make the chances of developing these diseases even higher.

"Giving up can be hard, but you don't have to carry the burden of quitting on your own. It has been shown that you are more likely to quit if you get the right support. The Quit Squad provides access to a variety of information and friendly support in a variety of settings including drop-in clinics or one-to-one sessions."

You can call the Quit Squad on 0800 3286297 or visit quitsquad.nhs.uk.

Affordable fitness sessions for parents project launched

A NON-PROFIT organisation has been launched with the aim of helping new parents to regain their fitness after having children by teaming affordable sports sessions with an on-site crèche!

Fit Play is a community project which offers affordable fitness, health and well-being activities for parents with young children on low incomes, benefits and zero-hour contracts and a crèche for babies and any older siblings too so that they can exercise without being distracted.

Sessions, which cost £5, take place at NXG Fitness at the Malthouse Business Centre in Ormskirk on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30 to 10.15am and 10.30 to 11.15am

Parents enjoying a Fit Play session

Organiser Edward McCarthy said: "The project offers parents who are usually isolated and stuck at home with their young children the chance to not only build on their fitness and self-esteem, but will also offer the opportunity for their children to play and engage with other children in a safe and appropriate setting.

"The project has started in Ormskirk but attracts people from across West Lancs."

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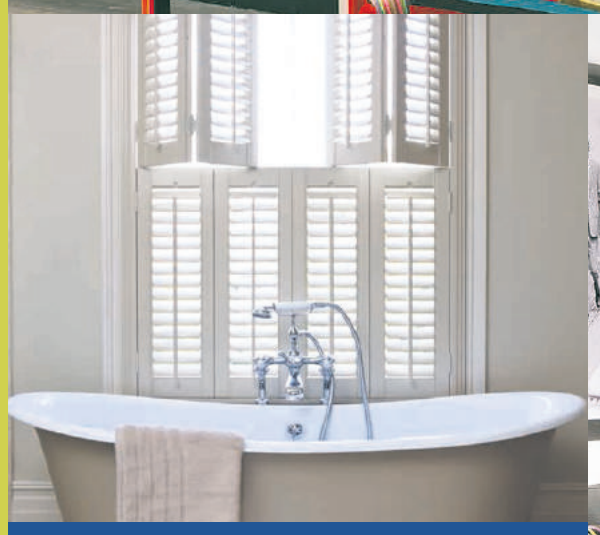

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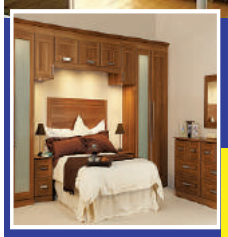

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Super slimmer Sheila is an award-winner at 'losing'!

BEFORE: The 'old' Sheila she shed nearly 10 stone

SHEILA Gill is a shadow of the woman she used to be - and she's delighted!

The grandmother from Ormskirk has been awarded her slimming group's Woman of the Year Award after shedding nearly 10 stone.

Since joining her local Slimming World group two years ago Sheila Gill has lost 9 stone 11lbs and dropped a staggering six dress sizes from a 28 to a 16.

The 55-year-old mum-of-three now plans to continue her healthy weight loss until she reaches her target of a UK dress size 12.

Sheila has featured in the Champion before, after she and her husband Barry, 64, won the slimming group's Couple of the Year Award for their joint weight loss last year.

She said: "I know a lot of people worry about joining a slimming club because they don't know what to expect. They needn't be afraid though. Right from the first moment I walked into my Slimming World group I felt at home, and the support and motivation I've received from my consultant and the rest of the group has been brilliant.

"When I started out I never dreamt I'd be able to achieve all that I have. Losing the weight has made such a huge difference – it's changed my life. I've got so much more energy and I can do things now that I couldn't before.

"My fitness has improved and I enjoy being active now rather than thinking of it as a chore – I love playing with my grandchildren. "I'm more confident and I like the slim, happy, positive person I see in the mirror. I feel like a winner already, so being voted the group's Woman of the Year 2016 is just the icing on the cake."

AFTER: The new-look, healthier Sheila

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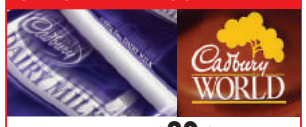

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A man gives his name to an officer at a recruitment drive during the First World War. Recruitment and conscription for the so-called Great War will be the subject of a talk at Ormskirk library.

Historian to give talk on First World War recruitment

FIRST World War recruitment and conscription will be the subject of a talk to be held at Ormskirk library on Friday, September 9.

The event has been organised by the West Lancashire World War One Anniversary Association and will be presented by local historian, Richard Houghton at the Burscough Street venue starting at 6.15pm.

This is one of a series of monthly talks planned by the association to mark the ongoing centenary of the 1914-18 conflict formerly known as The Great War.

The group are also hosting a talk on 'John Westhead: The Newburgh Blacksmith' by guest speaker Martin Jones.

This will also be held at Ormskirk library on Friday, October 21, starting at 6.15pm.

Healthcare group's charity event invite

CARE home staff are inviting members of the public to join them to enjoy a cuppa and a slice of cake in aid of a worthy cause.

Athena Healthcare Group homes at Abbey Wood Lodge, County Road, Ormskirk and Parklands Lodge, Park Road, Southport are hosting 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' events to raise funds for national cancer charity, Macmillan from 10.30am on Friday, September 30.

Last year the charity's annual flagship fundraiser realised a staggering £25 million.

Lesley Malone, events organiser at Abbey Wood Lodge, said: "We want local residents to come along for chat, a cuppa and a slice of something delicious for a great cause!"

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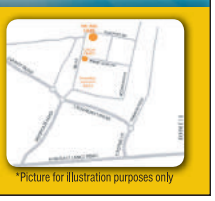
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Night flights set to signal start of 25th Southport Air Show

Visitors to last year's air show

THOUSANDS of people are expected to flock to Southport this weekend to celebrate 25 years of the town's air show.

To celebrate the landmark, for the first time ever a special Friday night display will take place on September 9 ahead of a two-day spectacular on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11.

Air show bosses are delighted to welcome the night flying event - the first to be held in the region - to help celebrate the 25th anniversary.

A P-51 Mustang will wow the crowds with a dusk display along with the Typhoon, daring aerobatics from the Blades display team and the Tigers Freefall Parachute Team, all culminating in the Fireflies display with LED lights and pyros.

The Friday evening will end with a grand firework finale.

A spokesperson for Southport Air Show said: "We are also delighted to welcome the Red Arrows to the Southport Air Show on Saturday September 10 as ambassadors of the United Kingdom.

"One of our biggest crowd-pullers to the show is the Typhoon. If you have never witnessed it before, be prepared for the ear-splitting noise that you can physically feel when the Typhoon is in the air.

"Other military aircraft include the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight– the most significant battle in British history. We are honoured when we have this formation display at the Southport Air Show.

"The Southport Air Show is also proud to have aircraft displays from the Royal Navy, while the civilian aircraft on display are a huge part of all air shows across the world. A mix of lovingly restored heritage aircraft owned by private owners will be here and aerobatics, parachute displays and more.

"Other civilian aircraft include the P-51 Mustang, the MiG-15, the Tigers Freefall Team and the Jet Provost pair."

Online help for mental health problems

PEOPLE in Lancashire who are experiencing common mental health problems, such as depression and anxiety, can now access an online programme to help them.

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Mindsmatter teams provide talking therapies, psychological and therapeutic support across the county and the latest addition is Silver Cloud, an online cognitive behavioural programme.

This can be accessed using a phone, tablet or computer and for online support in creating your own 'toolkit' to help in overcoming problems.

Karen Sillett from Mindsmatter, said: "People often don't know where to start finding support for their emotional wellbeing and think that they should be able to cope. Silver Cloud is proving effective in helping people who feel that they want some help.

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TV favourite 'excited' to be appearing in Empire panto

TV favourite Jorgie Porter has been speaking of her excitement as she makes her pantomime debut and heads up this year's cast in the title role of Snow White at the Liverpool Empire.

Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs will be at the Empire theatre in Liverpool from Saturday, December 10 to Saturday, December 31.

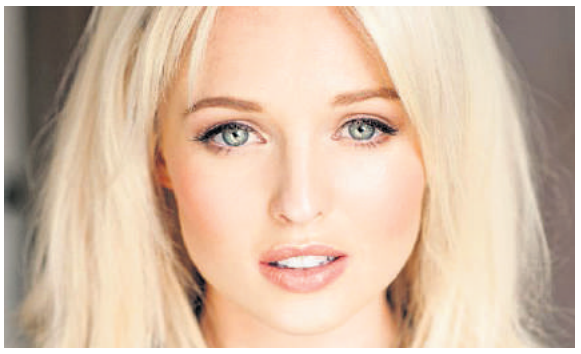
Jorgie is best known for her role as Theresa McQueen in the Channel 4 drama serial Hollyoaks.

She was a contestant on the seventh series of Dancing On Ice on ITV. She made it all the way to the final where she finished runner up. Jorgie was then asked to return for Dancing On Ice: Champion Of Champions.

Jorgie recently starred in ITV's award winning series I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! Jorgie spent 23 days in the jungle and had huge public support back home in the UK and finished 5th.

Since returning from Australia, Jorgie has appeared in the comedy Are You Being Served .

Jorgie said: "I am so excited to be appearing in Snow White at the Liverpool Empire. It's every girls dream to play a Princess and Snow White is one of the best!



Jorgie Porter

"What an honour it is to be appearing at the Liverpool Empire too which is such a beautiful theatre and the pantomime audiences are the best in the country so I can't wait to see you all this Christmas."

Jane McDonald

Singing star invites audiences to make memories with her

CATS and The Cruise star Jane McDonald is back on tour with her new show, Making Memories, and will be visiting Southport Theatre this Friday (September 9) at 7.30pm.

Making Memories is full of songs and arrangements featuring Jane's musicians and singers.

Jane is excited to be introducing Memory into her act, after receiving five star reviews for her performance as Grizabella in Cats at Blackpool Opera House in summer 2015.

Audiences can expect new medleys, old fan favourites and some additions to make it a night to remember.

And by popular demand, Jane is introducing full versions of some of her own songs including The Hand That Leads Me (written for her mother) and her most recent composition, The Singer Of Your Song (written for her fans).

Jane McDonald rose to fame in 1998 after her appearance on the BBC show The Cruise. Known for her strong Yorkshire accent, she has since co-presented a number of daytime shows, including Loose Women between 2004 and 2014, and ITV programme Star Treatment in 2013.

She was personally selected by Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber to star in the revival of Cats in 2015 after she outperformed younger West End stars at her audition.

Recruits needed for The Addams Family musical

SONG, an award winning youth theatre group, will be the first in Southport to stage a musical version of TV cult hit The Addams Family - and it is looking for new recruits to join the family of macabre eccentrics.

A great platform for young talent, this successful society will perform the musical next year between April 6, 7 and 8 at the Atkinson in Southport.

Described as a "magnificently macabre" musical comedy, the show is written by Jersey Boys authors Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice and features a new story.

The Addams Family was created by American cartoonist Charles Addams and first made an appearance in The New Yorker in 1938.

The eccentric characters, who delight in the dark and ghoulish while being totally unaware of how scary they are to others, are best known as their incarnation for their 1960s TV series (with its finger-clicking theme music). It has since inspired films and video games and in 2010 Brickman and Elice's musical made its debut in the USA at Broadway.

If you are aged between 10 and 18 and are interested in auditioning for The Addams Family, SONG would like to welcome you at St. John's Church Hall in Ainsdale on Liverpool Road on the following dates:

- September 11 2pm to 4pm - Talk Up and registration.

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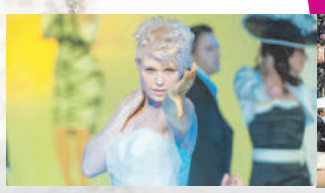

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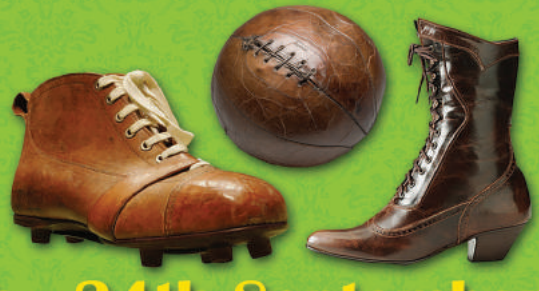

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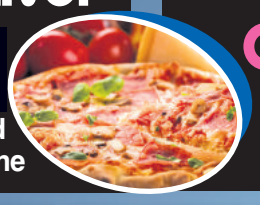

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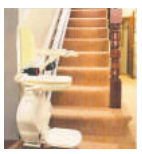

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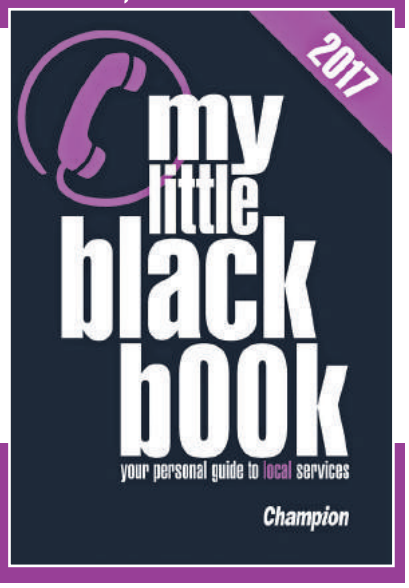

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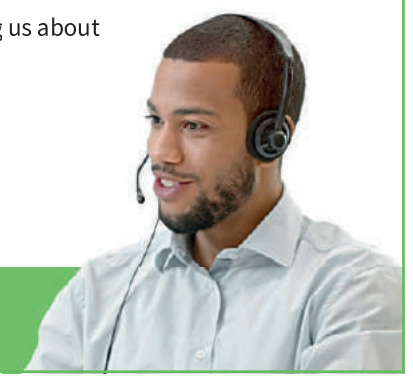

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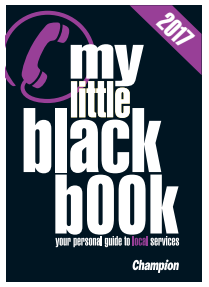

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SUTTON THOMAS

30th August 2016

Aged 78 years

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DEATHS

JEFFERS DOREEN

3rd September 2016

Peacefully in Hospital Aged 73 years

Loving Wife of the late Jimmy. Devoted Mum of Tony, dear Mother-In-Law of Louise. Cherished Nan of Remi will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. There will be family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for Cystic Fibrosis. Funeral details and further enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

WHITTLE JOSEPH

25th August 2016

Aged 87 years

Beloved Husband of Stella for over 66 years. Loving Dad of Pauline, Peter, Philip and the late Linda, a devoted Grandfather and Great Grandfather. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 12th September at 10:40am. Donations in lieu of flowers are being gratefully received for Alzheimer's Society. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

BUCKINGHAM NEIL

30th August 2016

Aged 59 years

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DEATHS

BRADLEY MAUD JOAN (MILLY)

26th August 2016

Passed away peacefully in Southport Hospital after a short illness

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TILLEY JOAN ELIZABETH

31st August 2016

Aged 78 years

Passed away peacefully At Southport Hospital after a short illness.

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PLATT RON

2nd September 2016

Ron passed away peacefully with his family by his side, aged 91 years of Ormskirk. Former Senior Motor Vehicle Lecturer at St. Helens College of Technology. He will be greatly missed by his Wife Marion, Son Ian, Daughter Susan and his family and friends who knew him. Funeral Service at St. Helens Crematorium on Tuesday 13th September at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired for Silver Birch Lodge. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tel: 01695 424888

DEATHS

SOCKETT MARY (KELLY)

28th August 2016 suddenly Aged 78 years

Loving Wife of the late Tommy Kelly. Devoted Mum of Gerard, Thomas, Mark, Bernard and Pauline, cherished Nan and Great Nan of all her grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Requiem Mass will be held at St Richards Church on Friday 9th September at 10.00am followed by interment at St Richards. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane, Tel: 01695 559868

SINGLETON GWEN

29th August 2016 peacefully Aged 78 years

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HARRIS THOMAS

On 24th August 2016

Passed away suddenly at home aged 68 years.

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DEATHS

DRENNAN TRACY LOUISE

29th April 2016

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31st August 2016

Aged 81 Years

R.I.P

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26th August 2016

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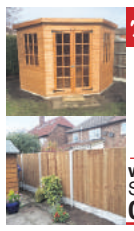

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The Kodiaq will be the biggest Skoda model next year

SKODA is the Leicester City of the motoring world. It's on the verge of pulling off one of the biggest automotive upsets in years – and yet Gary Lineker won't be presenting a primetime telly show in his undies to celebrate.

The reason why you probably haven't noticed is because the Kodiaq is just about the worst kept secret outside of plans to resurrect *The Crystal Maze* (no, really).

I remember looking around Skoda's stand at the Geneva Motor Show back in March, where it had a 4x4 called the Concept S on display. The Czech carmaker insisted it was only a one-off for show, but no one was fooled.

Ever since, it's been dropping hints visible from space about its desire to launch a big off-roader, and as a result the Kodiaq has been launched to precisely no gasps of surprise.

Its impact has also been dulled by the fact we all know Skoda makes plenty of talented cars already – only the other day I recommended a Fabia to a family member bored of their Fiesta.

You can go to virtually any of the nation's taxi ranks and you'll find it's overwhelmingly Octavias plying their trade, and last year I remember the Yeti I was driving being faster than a BMW M3 on a busy afternoon because I could go greenlaning and it couldn't.

But the Kodiaq is still a remarkable turnaround for a manufacturer who even youthful oiks like me can remember being the butt of jokes about rubbish cars.

Here are a few funny examples! What do you call a Skoda with a sunroof? A skip. Why do Skodas have heated rear windows? To keep your hands warm when you're pushing them.

I know, they are terrible, but you need to hear them again - even if it just to remind yourself how far Skoda has come in rebuilding its old reputation.

What it's about to offer is a slickly styled off-roader – apparently they're quite popular at the moment – with room for seven, unbustable VW Group build quality and a drive that's no worse than an Octavia's.

Not only is that a surefire hit here, but it could be the car that lets Skoda finally crack the US market.

Yes, the Kodiaq looks a bit like a shrunken Audi in profile, but that's hardly a bad thing.

The only thing that looked like it was going to stop this seven-seater in its tracks would've been a high price.

If the rumoured starting point of £22,500 is confirmed at the Paris Motor Show then I really believe that the new model could be finding its way onto a lot of driveways over the next few months.

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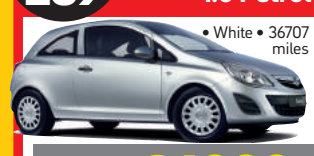

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New Kia Rio is roomier

THE new Kia Rio – which is being officially unveiled at this month's Paris Motor Show – will arrive here by the end of the year.

The five-door hatchback is a little longer and roomier than the one it replaces, and prices should be similar to the outgoing model. Visit kia.co.uk to find out more.

Top marks for the new Scenic

RENAULT'S new Scenic people carrier has been given top marks by the car safety gurus at Euro NCAP.

It picked up the full five stars in the organisation's crash tests, as did Subaru's Levorg.

Toyota's Hilux and Kia's Niro also picked up five-star ratings, but only when fitted with safety-related optional extras.

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2015 (15) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A180 BlueEFFICIENCY SPORT, 5DR 6spd, silver, 30k, alloys £14,995
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2012 (12) MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C220 CDi, 66k, FSH, 6 speed, sat nav, A/C, CD, alloys £10,695
2010 (60) AUDI A4 2.0 TDI SE AUTO, 34k, met alloys, FSH £10,695
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10 FIAT MULTIJET DYNAMIQUE DIESEL, 5dr hatchback, finished in primrose yellow, only 1 owner from new, full Fiat service history, only £30 a year road tax, very low insurance, superb economy, fitted with air conditioning

11 CITROEN C1 VTR+, finished in red, only group1 insurance, only £20 per year road tax, only 1 owner from new, travelled only 15,000 miles, full service history, central locking, air conditioning fitted, immaculate inside and out

06 RENAULT MODUS DYNAMIQUE, 1400CC PETROL ENGINE, only 2 owners from new, full service history, timing belt been changed, low insurance, superb condition, full MoT £1795

58 FIAT GRAND PUNTO 3DR HATCHBACK, finished in battleship grey, service history, 2 owners, full 12 months MoT, power assisted steering, low insurance, central locking, electric windows £2395

63 VAUXHALL CORSA ENERGY 3DR HATCHBACK, 1200cc, finished in burnt orange, only 12,000 miles, full service history, alloy wheels, velour trim, low insurance, 12 months Parbold parts & labour warranty, 2 keys £5695

03 NISSAN ALMERA S 5DR HATCHBACK, finished in silica gold metallic, long long MoT, serviced every 8,000 miles, 2 keys, remote locking, CD player, superb condition inside & out. £995

57 HONDA CIVIC SE 5DR HATCHBACK, finished in light blue metallic with Honda service history, only 67,000 miles, superb condition inside and out, Honda alloy wheels, 2 keys, remote locking, air conditioning, multi stack CD, 12 months MOT £3695

57 FORD KA 1200CC, finished in panther black, low mileage only 52,000 from new, 2 owners, full 12 months MoT, only group 2 insurance, superb economy, cheap road tax £1495

06 FORD FOCUS LX SPORT 3DR HATCHBACK, finished in silver metallic, 2 owners from new, full 12 months MoT, only 59,000 miles from new, 2 keys, part exchange available. £2395

06 NISSAN PRIMERA 1.8 S 5-DR HATCHBACK. Finished in Blade Silver. Only 2 owners from new. Full Nissan Service History. Full 12 months MoT. 2 keys, remote locking. ONLY 51,000 MILES FROM NEW. Multistack CD, electric windows, suberb condition inside and out £1895

07 RENAULT CLIO, finished in graphite grey metallic, 1400cc, special edition Dynamique model. Only 2 owners, full MoT, r/locking, 2 keys, Renault alloys, service history, 69,000 miles only £2195

52 MAZDA MX5 CONVERTIBLE, 1800CC PETROL ENGINE, Mazda alloys, cream leather interior, full 12 months MoT. Factory fitted alarm, special edition trilogy model only 600 made £2795

11 NISSAN MICRA 5DR AUTOMATIC, finished in tungstan grey metallic, only 1 owner from new, sat nav, velour trim, full Nissan service history, 1200cc, remote locking, 2 keys, multi change CD player, cruise control, e/windows and mirrors. £4795

05 CORSA LIFE TWINPORT 1.2 5DR HATCHBACK, in silver, excellent condition, low miles for year, 69,000 miles, low insurance, full MOT, contrasting grey trim, full service history, really clean car £1495

09 SUZUKI SWIFT 5DR 1400CC, finished in electric blue, full Suzuki service history, Suzuki alloy wheels, 2 keys, remote locking, full 12 months MoT, superb condition inside and out . £3195

08 SUZUKI SWIFT GLS 5DR HATCHBACK, finished in radiant red, 12 months MoT, 2 keys, full Suzuki service history, air conditioning, alloy wheels, CD player, only 1 owner from new £2995

57 CITROEN XSARA PICASSO 1.6 DESIRE, finished in graphite grey metallic, low mileage only 52,000 from new, full service history, MPV 5 seater, rear parking sensors, air conditioning, 12 months MoT, remote locking £2795

59 VAUXHALL MERIVA 1.6 CLUB 1600CC, finished in graphite grey, 3 rear seats, service history, full MoT, electric windows, air conditioning, CD player £2695

56 NISSAN NOTE 1.4 SE 5DR, finished in red, only 2 owners from new, full Nissan service history, 12 months MoT, low insurance only group 4, electric windows & mirrors, 2 keys, air conditioning £2795

08 NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 1200CC 3DR HATCHBACK, finished in moonstone metallic, 1 lady owner from new, full Nissan service history, air conditioning, multi change CD player, electric windows, full 12 months MoT, only group 2 insurance £2895

58 VOLKSWAGEN POLO 1400CC 5DR, finished in star silver metallic, full VW service history, immaculate condition inside and out, CD player, air conditioning, alloy wheels, 2 keys, remote locking. £2795

58 PEUGEOT 107, finished in Daytona yellow, only 16,000 miles, 1 owner from new, full service history, £20 per annum road tax, only group 1 insurance, ideal first car £2595

08 SKODA FABIA 2 HTP 5-DR HATCHBACK in Silver Metallic. One lady owner from new. Full Skoda Service History. Very low mileage only 40,000. Remote locking, alloys. £3495

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60 BMW 320i EXCLUSIVE, met black, dakota leather, A/C, media, SAT NAV, cruise, folding mirror, 18" alloys, 35,000 miles..... £9,450

56 VW BEETLE 1400 LUNA, met blue, PAS, E/W, central locking, ABS, alloys, 5spd, CD, 70,000 miles, service history..... £2,995

61 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.7 CDTI 16V EXCLUSIVE, met silver, PAS, E/W, A/C, ABS £4,695

06 VAUXHALL ASTRA SRi DIESEL, 150bhp 6spd X PACK, met black, PAS, E/W, central locking, CD, 18" alloys £2,350

06 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 LS 5DR, met silver, PAS, E/W, remote locking, A/C, ABS, CD £1,995

56 SAAB 9-3 VECTOR 1.9 DIESEL 6SPD, met blue, half leather, PAS E/W, central locking, alloys £2,395

06 RENAULT LAGUNA ESTATE 2.0 PETROL AUTO, met silver, PAS, E/W,central locking A/C alloys ABS £2,195

05 PEUGEOT 407 ESTATE DIESEL 2.0 6spd, ice blue, pan roof, PAS, E/W, central locking, alloys £1,895

56 VAUXHALL VECTRA 1.8 DESIGN 5-DR, met grey, PAS, e/w, c/locking, alloys, lady owned £2,150

54 CITROEN PICASSO 1.6 DIESEL EXCLUSIVE, blue metallic, PAS, E/W, central locking, A/C, ABS, alloys £1,295

51 BMW 530SE DIESEL ESTATE, orient blue, auto, PAS, e/w, c/locking, A/C, alloys, service history £2,395

02 FIAT PUNTO 1.2 SPORTING, met black, PAS, E/W, central locking,1 lady owner, 52,000 miles, alloys £895

V BMW 520i, met blue, PAS, E/W, central locking, ABS, A/C, alloys . £895

R BMW 318i SE 4DR, met silver, PAS, E/W, c/locking, alloys, spoiler £895

R BMW 525 TDS DIESEL MANUAL TOURING, leather, alloys, A/C, ABS £995

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03 MERCEDES SLK 2.0 KOMPRESSOR, met silver, leather, power hood, 64,000 miles, extensive service record, new tyres and exhaust. £4,650

06 VAUXHALL ASTRA CONVERTIBLE EXCLUSIVE, 37,000 miles, e/roof, central locking, alloys, service history £2,295

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04 RENAULT SCENIC MPV 1.6, met silver, PAS, E/W, central locking, A/C, alloys, service history, low mileage £1,495

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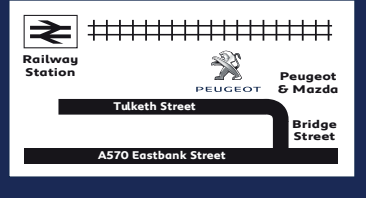

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Deposit	£135.00	Final Monthly Payment	£284.99	Annual Mileage	5000
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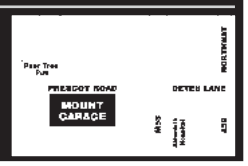

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Linnets'cup run goes on after end-to-end seven-goal thriller

Burscough 4
Maine Road 3

BURSCOUGH may be without a win in the league but they continue to impress in the FA Cup after another qualifying round victory.

Having already seen off Parkgate in a comfortable 4-1 cup rout last month, a tie against Maine Road was always going to prove more testing.

It was a thrilling encounter which was end-to-end from the start.

The Linnets opened the scoring in the 15th minute through James Doyle before the lead was doubled just before half-time thanks to a strike by Elliott Nevitt.

Burscough added a third on 60 minutes through Dennis Sheriff and that should have really seen the game off, but Maine Road refused to give up and staged a fight back.

They pulled a goal back 10 minutes later when James Flynn fired home and then the away side made it 3-2 through Ryan Steele.

Maine Road sensed they could get an equaliser but Burscough restored their two-goal advantage when Liam Davis scored on 80 minutes.

Maine Road made it 4-3 on 90 minutes when Steele grabbed his second but the Linnets managed to hold on to go through to the next round of the competition.

Next up for Burscough is a home game against Radcliffe Borough at 3pm on Saturday, September 10.

Bodie scores Skem's second after the ball creeps over the line

Skem forced to settle for replay after spot kick leveller in FA Cup clash

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Dunston UTS 2
Skelmersdale United 2

SKELMERSDALE United braved the Saturday storms and came away with a replay in their FA Cup qualifying tie against Dunston UTS.

And they were unlucky not to come away with the win after hitting the post and putting the former FA Vase winners under pressure in the closing stages of the game after they were reduced to 10 men.

Skelmersdale got off to the worst possible start when the home side's Liam Thear reacted quicker than the defenders to a second-minute cross from the right to open the scoring.

That goal woke Skelmersdale up and they were soon level when Kenny Strickland picked up the ball in the centre of the park and exchanged passes with Ben Hodkinson before smashing the ball into the net from about 20 yards.

And Skelmersdale took the lead just before half-time when a corner created havoc as one was effort scrambled off the line before the ball fell to Rob Bodie who got his side's second of the game.

His goal-bound shot was cleared but the assistant referee ruled it had already crossed the line.

From a Skelmersdale perspective it was developing into an enthralling half of football. Dale Wright saw a shot saved by goalkeeper Holden then Strickland hit the post with Holden well beaten by the shot.

On 71 minutes Dunston levelled from the penalty spot. Bodie was adjudged to have handled in the area and Dunston striker Merion stepped up to equalise from the spot.

Dunston midfielder Smith was then shown a red card with seven minutes to go after picking up his second yellow.

This led to wave after wave of Skelmersdale attacks as they had the man advantage ut Dunston held on for a replay.

The replay was due to take place last night (Tuesday, September 6) at Skelmersdale's home ground.

If they win, a local derby awaits them in the next round as Chorley will travel to Skelmersdale on Saturday, September 17 for a repeat of last season's thrilling FA Trophy tie, which Skelmersdale won 5-2.

United return to league action this Saturday (September 10) and will hope to claim their first home win of the seasonagainst Corby Town.

Skelmersdale have been away for their last three games, two in the league and one in the FA Cup, drawing all three games and scoring seven goals.

Liverpool & District Cricket Competition round-up

RAIN washed out the entire Liverpool and District Cricket Competition fixture programme last weekend, with just three overs possible across all three divisions, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

With no action to report on from last weekend, here's a brief insight into this weekend's local fixtures with a reminder to all clubs travelling into and around the Southport area to give themselves plenty of extra time to get to the grounds due to the heavy traffic that will be visiting the Southport Air Show.

In the Premier Division, second placed Northern sit 13 points behind league leaders Leigh and face a tough trip to third placed Formby this weekend who trail the Moor Park side by a further 16 points, whilst fourth placed Ormskirk host Colwyn Bay and fifth placed Bootle welcome Rainhill to Wadham Road.

IN the First Division, Ainsdale go into the penultimate weekend of the season with a 25-point lead at the top and know that a maximum point victory at home against Highfield will guarantee them promotion to the Premier Division.

Southport & Birkdale sit in second place after taking advantage of their game in hand on Bank Holiday Monday with a 76-run win at Prestatyn. This weekend they travel to Maghull who are still fighting for survival at the foot of the table.

Fleetwood Hesketh are just four points behind S&B and know that a win at home against Newton le Willows is vital if they are to have any chance of promotion.

Fifth placed Burscough are not out of the promotion mix either and need a win at Wigan to remain in the hunt.

In the Second Division, fourth placed Hightown St Mary's are 24 points off second place, so a home win over bottom of the table Sutton is a must to keep their promotion chances alive.

Southport Trinity lie in ninth place in the table and are still in need of a few more points to guarantee safety, so a home win over second placed St Helens Town would give themselves and Hightown St Mary's a major boost.

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Mighty Meat Chicken, Ham, Pepperoni, Salami, Sliced meats **Big Mighty Amigo Pizza** Double Pepperoni, Salami, Sausage, Chicken **Amigos Pizza** Meatballs, Sausage, Onion, Green Peppers, Salami **Supreme Pizza** Mushrooms, Ham, Red Onion, Pepperoni, Peppers & Salami	£5.90	£6.90	£8.80	£9.80	£9.80
Extra Toppings (each) Pepperoni, Salami, Chicken, Ham, Prawns, Tuna, Garlic, Anchovies, Fresh Tomato, Olives, Jalapeños, Mushroom, Pineapple, Sausage, Meatballs	£0.80	£0.80	£1.00	£1.00	£1.10

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GARLIC BREAD

	10"	12"
Plain Garlic Bread	£2.20	£3.20
with Cheese	£3.00	£4.80
with Cheese, Mushrooms or Onions	£3.80	£5.50
with Cheese, Mushrooms, Donner Meat, Red Onion or Pepperoni	£6.20	
Vegetarian with Green Peppers, Onions, Mushroom or Fresh Tomato	£3.80	
Tank Special with Donner Meat, Onions, Chilli Sauce & Garlic Mayonnaise	£4.80	£6.80

KIDS MEALS ALL ONLY £2.99 EACH

1. Poppin' Chicken, Chips & Drink
2. 1 Piece Chicken, Chips & Drink
3. 4 Pieces Chicken Nuggets, Chips & Drink
4. 7" Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Drink
5. Chicken Burger & Drink

SPECIAL OFFERS

Offers do not include Free Garlic Bread

6. **KEBAB MEAL** 1 Chicken Kebab, 1 Donner Kebab, 1 Chips & 2 Cans of Drink — £8.90
7. **BURGER MEAL** 2 1/4lb Cheeseburgers, 2 Chips & 2 Cans of Drink — £7.99
8. **MEAL DEAL** 2 10" Pizzas with three Toppings, 1 10" Garlic Bread with Cheese, 1 Large Chips & 1 Cans of Drink — £11.50
9. **FAMILY BOX** 8 Pieces of Chicken, 5 Chicken Wings, 3 Chips, 1 Tub of Beans, Coleslaw and Bottled Drink — £12.50
10. **HOUSE SPECIAL** 1 14" Pizza with three Toppings, 1 12" Garlic Bread with Cheese, 1 Large Chips & 1 Coleslaw, 1 1.5L Bottle of Drink — £12.50
11. **MIXED MEAL** 1 12" Pizza with three Toppings, 1 10" Garlic Bread with Cheese, 1 Mixed Grill Kebab & Small Chips, Coleslaw & 1 1.5L Bottle of Drink — £16.00
12. **AMIGO'S SPECIAL** 2 12" Pizzas with three Toppings, 1 10" Garlic Bread with Cheese, 1 Coleslaw, Onion Rings, Chips and a Bottle of Drink — £17.90

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	Reg	Lge
Donner Meat	£3.40	£4.10
Donner Kebab	£3.80	£4.80
Donner Chips	£4.00	£4.90
Chicken Kebab	£4.50	£5.50
Kofte Kebab	£4.50	£5.50
Shish Kebab	£4.50	£5.50
Shish & Chicken Kebab	£5.40	£6.40
Mixed Kebab Donner Chicken or Donner Shish	£5.40	£6.40
Mixed Grill Kebab Shish, Chicken, Donner Meat and Chips	£8.00	
Chicken Tikka Tandoori	£4.50	£5.50
Special Kebab Chicken, Shish, Donner, Kofte, Salad, Chips, 2 Pitta Bread, Sauce		£10.00
Veg Kebab	£2.50	£3.50

NEW! Bacon Burger

BURGERS

ALL SERVED WITH FRESH SALAD AND SAUCE

	1/4lb	1/2lb
Home Made Beef Burger (Local butcher)	£2.90	£3.60
Beef Burger	£2.40	£3.40
Donner Burger	£2.40	£3.40
Cheese Burger	£2.60	£3.60
Chicken Burger	£2.60	£3.60
Chicken Fillet Burger	£2.90	£3.90
Spicy Chicken Fillet Burger	£2.90	£3.90
Veg Burger	£2.60	£3.60
Special Chicken Burger with Onion Rings, Cheese	£3.20	£4.20
Mexican Burger Chilli Con Carne	£2.90	£3.90
Special Beef Burger with Chicken	£3.20	£4.20

JACKET POTATOES

with Cheese	£1.80
with Tuna Mayo	£2.80
with Beans and Cheese	£2.80
with Coleslaw	£2.80
with Prawns and Mayo	£2.80
with Chilli Con Carne	£2.80
SPECIAL BAKED POTATO with Fresh Tomatoes, Onions and Butter	£3.00
EXTRA TOPPINGS Coleslaw, Mayo, Chilli, Beans, Prawns, Ham & Butter	each £0.80

WRAPS

ALL SERVED WITH SALAD & SAUCE

Chicken Wrap	£3.90
Lamb Wrap	£3.90
Kofte Wrap	£3.90
Spicy Wrap Chilli Sauce & Garlic Mayonnaise	£3.90

SPAGHETTI

ALL SERVED WITH A PORTION OF MEATBALLS

Spaghetti Bolognese	£5.80
Spaghetti Lamb	£5.80
Spaghetti Chicken	£5.80
Spaghetti Prawns	£5.40
Spaghetti Vegetarian	£5.40

FRIED CHICKEN

1 Piece Chicken with Chips	£2.20
2 Pieces Chicken with Chips	£3.20
3 Pieces Chicken with Chips	£4.20
6 Pieces Chicken with 2 Fries	£7.10
Half Chicken with Rice	£6.50

EXTRAS

	Reg	Lge
Chips	Reg £1.20	Lge £1.80
Cheese and Chips	Reg £1.80	Lge £2.40
Onion Rings	Reg £1.80	Lge £2.20
Naan Bread, Chips and Extra Cheese		£2.50
Chicken, Chips and Cheese		£2.50
Chips, Cheese and Beans		£2.40
Dipping Chicken and Chips		£3.50
Hash Browns (7)		£2.20
Chicken Nuggets and Chips		£4.10
Potato Wedges		£1.80
Hot Wings (9) and Chips		£4.10
BBQ Wings (9) and Chips		£4.10
BBQ Ribs		£4.00
Meatballs with Cheese		£2.00
Breaded Mushroom		£2.90
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Garlic Mushrooms & Cheese		£3.20
Coleslaw		£1.50
Side Salad Lettuce, Onions, Tomatoes & Cucumber		£1.80
Mixed Salad Tuna, Mayonnaise, Lettuce, Onions, Tomato and Cucumber		£2.80
Popcorn Chicken & Chips		£2.90
Naan Bread		£1.00
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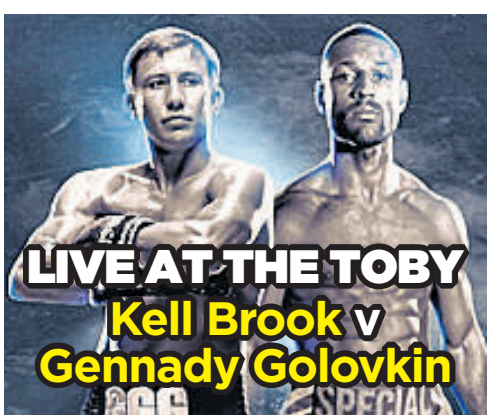

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